

REMARKS

Pursuant to the telephone interview between Examiner Choi and Christopher Goff on January 28, 2004, Applicants submit this Amendment C and Response After RCE. Prior to the Amendment C and Response After RCE, claims 1, 3-14, and 16-21 were pending. Applicants have amended claims 1, 6-14 and 19-21, and have further added new claims 43-50. Additionally, Applicants have canceled claims 3-5 and 16-18. After entry of this Amendment C and Response After Final, claims 1, 6-14, 19-21 and 43-50 will be pending.

Claims 1, 6-14, and 19-21 have been amended to require the carbohydrate-hydrogen peroxide mixture to be "crystallized." Support for these amendments can be found in the instant specification on page 6, line 15 and page 7, lines 2-7.

Further new claims 43-50 are directed to a carbohydrate-hydrogen peroxide mixture on an absorbent product such that the mixture kills no more than about 20% of *Proteus mirabilis*, which produces the volatile organic compounds that can irritate a wearer's skin. Support for new claims 43-50 can be found in the original claim 5 and 18, and further in Examples 1-5 of the instant specification on page 12, line 24 through page 21, line 9.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency in connection with this Amendment C to Deposit Account Number 19-1345 in the name of Senniger, Powers, Leavitt & Roedel.

Respectfully submitted,



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